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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:
(APP)

***AN ACT INCREASING THE HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY TO
RETIRED TEACHERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (7) of section 10-183b of the 2008 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 (7) "Contributions" means amounts withheld pursuant to this
5 chapter and paid to the board by an employer from compensation
6 payable to a member. Prior to July 1, 1989, "mandatory contributions"
7 are contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and
8 consist of five per cent regular contributions and "one per cent
9 contributions". From July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1992, "mandatory
10 contributions" are contributions required to be withheld under this
11 chapter and consist of five per cent regular contributions and one per
12 cent health contributions. From July 1, 1992, to June 30, 2004,
13 "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be withheld
14 under this chapter and consist of six per cent "regular contributions"
15 and one per cent health contributions. On or after July 1, 2004,
16 "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be withheld

17 under this chapter and consist of six per cent regular contributions and
18 one and one-fourth per cent health contributions. On or after July 1,
19 2008, "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be
20 withheld under this chapter and consist of six per cent regular
21 contributions and one-half per cent health contributions. On or after
22 July 1, 2009, "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to
23 be withheld under this chapter and consist of six per cent regular
24 contributions and three-fourths per cent health contributions.
25 "Voluntary contributions" are contributions by a member authorized to
26 be withheld under section 10-183i.

27 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 10-183t of the general statutes is
28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
29 *1, 2008*):

30 (c) [On] (1) The board shall pay a subsidy (A) on and after July 1,
31 2000, [the board shall pay a subsidy] equal to the subsidy paid in the
32 fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, (B) on and after July 1, 2008, of one
33 hundred sixty-five dollars, and (C) on and after July 1, 2009, of two
34 hundred twenty dollars to the board of education or to the state, if
35 applicable, on behalf of any member who is receiving retirement
36 benefits or a disability allowance from the system, or the spouse, or the
37 surviving spouse of such member, or a disabled dependent of such
38 member if there is no spouse or surviving spouse, who is participating
39 in a health insurance plan maintained by a board of education or by
40 the state, if applicable. Such payment shall not exceed the actual cost of
41 such insurance. With respect to any person participating in any such
42 plan pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the state shall
43 appropriate to the board one-third of the cost of the subsidy. No
44 payment to a board of education pursuant to this subsection may be
45 used to reduce the amount of any premium payment on behalf of any
46 such member, spouse or surviving spouse, or disabled dependent,
47 made by such board pursuant to any agreement in effect on July 1,
48 1990.

49 (2) On and after July 1, 2010, in addition to the subsidy paid under
50 subsection (a) of this section, the board shall pay an annual adjustment
51 to such subsidy, based on the consumer price index for all urban
52 consumers for the northeast urban region for medical care, as
53 determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, not to exceed four per
54 cent per annum.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-183b(7)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	10-183t(c)

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Statement of Purpose:

To increase the health insurance subsidy for retired teachers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]